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In re application of:

By: Shogo Muramatsu et al

Serial Number: 09/423,981

Group Art Unit: 1775

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Examiner: J. Savage

For: ALUMINUM-ALLOY BASED SLIDING MATERIAL

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 26, 2003

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated August 20, 2003, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-4 and 6.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- A petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Final Rejection was filed on July 26, 2003. A petition for the additional one-month extension of time is attached hereto.
- A timely response to the Final Rejection has been filed, as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.113.
- Fee -\$320.00
 Enclosed (This paper is filed in triplicate.)

In the event this Notice of Appeal is not considered to be timely filed, applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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